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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 22, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
D/B/A DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER

CASE NO. PUE010663

For a certificate of public convenience
and necessity for facilities in Fluvanna County:
Two parallel 500 kV transmission lines to provide
service to Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P.'s
electric generating facility

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On November 29, 2001, as revised on December 4, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion" or "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval and certification of electric facilities in Fluvanna County. Dominion proposes to construct and operate two parallel 500 kV transmission lines, extending the length of approximately 0.91 mile, to provide service to a new 900 MW natural gas-fired combined-cycle power plant proposed to be constructed by Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P. ("Tenaska"), in Fluvanna County.¹ Approximately 0.75 mile will be on a 250 foot wide right of way; the remaining portion, 0.16 mile, will be located on the Tenaska facility site.

¹Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P., filed an application with the Commission on January 16, 2001, requesting approval to construct and operate a 900 MW natural gas-fired electric generating facility in Fluvanna County, Virginia, SCC Case No. PUE010039. A public hearing was held on July 24, 2001, and the Hearing Examiner issued a report on October 23, 2001. On January 24, 2002, the Commission issued an Order remanding the case back to the Hearing Examiner to address certain environmental issues. The hearing on remand was held on March 13, 2002, in the Commission's courtroom in Richmond.

In its application, the Company states that as a result of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") regulations, Dominion is mandated to interconnect to its transmission system any independent power producer ("IPP") that submits a request for the interconnection of a generating facility. According to the Company, Tenaska, an IPP, has requested interconnection for its new generating facility in Fluvanna. The Company states that cutting the existing Doods-Elmont 500 kV transmission line and looping in and out of a new switching station to be located three quarters of a mile from the transmission line is the practical least-cost option for interconnecting this new generating facility. The Company states there are no other viable 230 kV options. The Application states that Tenaska will be responsible for all costs incurred in the construction of the facilities.

The Commission finds that, as provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter should be docketed and that the Company should give notice so that interested persons may comment and participate in this proceeding. The Commission will set this matter for hearing before a hearing examiner. We also direct the Commission Staff to investigate the application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) As provided by §§ 56-46.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this matter be docketed as Case No. PUE010663 and all associated papers be filed therein.

(2) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code of Virginia and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120 A, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("the Rules"), a hearing examiner is appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter and to file a final report.

(3) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony is scheduled for June 3, 2002, at Central Elementary School, Route 1, Box 340, Palmyra, Virginia 22963. The hearing will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will adjourn at 6:00 p.m. and will resume again at 7:00 p.m.

(4) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant to Dominion's application is scheduled for June 27, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom in Richmond, Virginia.

(5) On or before April 5, 2002, the Company may file with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, an original and fifteen (15) copies of any additional testimony and exhibits that it intends to present in support of its application.

(6) On or before May 6, 2002, any person expecting to participate as a Respondent, as defined in Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, shall file with the Clerk at the address set out in ordering paragraph (4) an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of participation which notice shall contain: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the Respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. A copy of the notice shall be served on counsel to the Company and on all other parties, as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-140, and shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company, Jill C. Hayek, Esquire, Virginia Electric and Power Company, 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, and M. Renae Carter, Esquire, McGuireWoods L.L.P., One James Center, 901 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Any organization, corporation, or government entity protesting the application must be represented by counsel as required by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-30.

(7) Within five (5) days of receipt of a notice of participation, the Company shall serve upon each Respondent a copy of this order, a copy of the application, and all materials now or hereafter filed with the Commission, unless these materials have already been provided.

(8) On or before May 28, 2002, Respondents may file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any testimony and exhibits that the Respondent intends to present at the hearing and shall serve a copy of the testimony and exhibits on counsel to the Company and on all other parties.

(9) On or before May 28, 2002, written comments on the Company's application shall be filed with the Clerk at the address set out in ordering paragraph (4). Comments must refer to Case No. PUE010663.

(10) The Commission Staff shall investigate the Company's application and, on or before June 7, 2002, shall file with the Clerk an original and fifteen (15) copies of the testimony and exhibits it intends to present at the hearing, and shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company and on all other parties.

(11) On or before June 17, 2002, the Company may file with the Clerk an original and fifteen (15) copies of all testimony it expects to offer in rebuttal to all direct testimony and exhibits of Commission Staff and Respondents, and shall serve one copy on all other parties. Additional rebuttal evidence may be presented in response to evidence which was not filed, but elicited at the hearing, provided that the need for the additional rebuttal evidence is timely addressed by motion during the hearing.

(12) Rule 5 VAC 5-20-260, Interrogatories to parties or requests for production of documents and things, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: (i) answers and objections shall be served within ten (10) days after receipt of interrogatories; (ii) special motions upon the validity of any objections raised by answers shall be filed within five (5)

working days of receipt of the objection; and, (iii) answers, objections, and special motions shall be served by 3:00 p.m. of the due date, unless the Staff or party upon whom service must be made agrees in advance to other arrangements.

(13) Forthwith upon receipt of this order, the Company shall make available for inspection during regular business hours copies of its application, testimony, exhibits, this order, and all other materials filed in this proceeding at the following Dominion Virginia Power office and Fluvanna County government office:

Bulk Power Delivery
2400 Grayland Avenue
Richmond, Virginia 23220
Attention: Gail Lamm

Fluvanna County
Department of Planning and Community Development
Route 1001, Main Street
P.O. Box 540
Palmyra, Virginia 22963

(13) On or before April 2, 2002, the Company shall publish the following notice and a sketch map of the proposed routes and alternatives as display advertising (not classified) in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in Fluvanna County:

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
FOR APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION LINES IN
FLUVANNA COUNTY
CASE NO. PUE010663**

On November 29, 2001, as revised on December 4, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power ("Dominion" or "Company") applied to the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate transmission lines in Fluvanna County. Dominion proposes to construct and operate two parallel 500 kV transmission lines extending the length of approximately 0.91 mile, to provide service to Tenaska Virginia Partners, L.P.'s proposed 900 MW natural gas-

fired combined-cycle electric generating facility in Fluvanna County. Approximately 0.75 mile will be on a 250 foot wide right of way; the remaining portion, 0.16 mile, will be located on the Tenaska facility site.

According to the Company, Tenaska, an IPP, has requested interconnection for its new generating facility in Fluvanna. The Company states that cutting the existing Dooms-Elmont 500 kV transmission line and looping in and out of a new switching station to be located three quarters of a mile from the transmission line is the practical least-cost option for interconnecting this new generating facility, and that there are no other viable 230 kV options. The application states that Tenaska will be responsible for all costs incurred in the construction of the facilities.

The Commission may consider and approve a route or routes not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without additional notice to the public. The application may be inspected in the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk of the Commission, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during Commission business hours.

Copies of the application may also be inspected during business hours at the following Dominion Virginia Power office and Fluvanna County government office:

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A public hearing to receive evidence on the Company's application will be held on June 27, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the

Commission's second floor courtroom in Richmond. Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the application need only appear at the hearing location at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Bailiff as a public witness.

On or before May 6, 2002, any person desiring to participate as a Respondent, as defined in of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"), 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, shall file with the Clerk of the Commission at the address printed above an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Participation and shall serve a copy on counsel to the Company, Jill C. Hayek, Esquire, Virginia Electric and Power Company, 701 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, and M. Renae Carter, Esquire, McGuire Woods LLP, One James Center, 901 East Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Any person who expects to participate as a Respondent should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing for complete details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation in this case.

On or before May 28, 2002, written comments on the Company's application shall be filed with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Such comments must refer to Case No. PUE010663.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

(15) On or before March 28, 2002, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order on the chairman of the board of supervisors of every county and upon the mayor of every city and town affected by this application. Service shall be made by first- class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(16) On or before May 2, 2002, the Company shall file with the Clerk proof of the newspaper publication and proof of service required by ordering paragraphs (14) and (15).